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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated October 4, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

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Independent Claims	4	Minus	4		0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$			
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00			
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The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ $\underline{0.00}$.
A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
January 4, 2005 Date Charles N.J. Ruggiero, Esq Attorney for Applicant(s) Registration No. 28,468 Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle, L.L.P. One Landmark Square, 10 th Floor Stamford, CT 06901-2682 Telephone: (203) 327-4500 Telefax: (203) 327-6401
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.